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## NIA raids 9 locations in Kashmir in terror conspiracy case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency on Monday carried out raids at nine locations in Kashmir, including Srinagar, in a terror conspiracy case, officials said here.

The case relates to a terror conspiracy involving plans by terrorist organisations and their newly floated offshoots to unleash violence in Jammu and Kashmir by using sticky bombs, improvised explosive devices and small arms, they said.

"In a massive crackdown in the Jammu and Kashmir terror conspiracy case involving Pakistan-backed banned terrorist organisations and their offshoots, the NIA raided nine locations across Kashmir," a spokesman of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said.

He said digital devices containing large volumes of



incriminating data and documents were seized during the raids conducted on the premises of hybrid terrorists and Overground Workers (OGWs) linked to the newly formed offshoots and affiliates of proscribed outfits such as the Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Muhammed, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Al-Badr and Al-Qaeda among others. The premises of sympan-

thisers and cadres of these organisations were also searched extensively, the spokesperson added.

The NIA said its teams cracked down on these properties and conducted elaborate searches as part of its investigation in the case registered by the anti-terror agency suo motu on June 21, 2022.

Backed by their Pakistan-based masters and mentors,

these terror outfits have been conspiring to carry out terror acts aimed at disturbing the peace and communal harmony in J-K by radicalising local youths and mobilising overground workers, the spokesperson said. The outfits include The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others, he added.

All of them are affiliated with the banned terrorist organisations and were floated as frontal outfits to carry out the nefarious agenda of the main militant groups, the spokesman added. The digital devices and other data recovered during the searches are being scrutinised to expose and dismantle the conspiracy, the NIA said.

## Man shot dead by terrorists in Rajouri

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: A man was shot dead by terrorists in Rajouri district on Monday night, officials said.

The incident took place when the victim, Abdula Razaq, came out of a mosque in his village Kundia Top under the Thanamandi police station area. Razaq's brother is a soldier in the Territorial Army, they said.

The terrorists opened

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## Two independents file nomination papers for Srinagar LS seat

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Two candidates filed their nomination papers from the 02-Srinagar Parliamentary constituency on Monday for the Lok Sabha Elections-2024 to be held on May 13, 2024 (Monday).

The candidates, namely Sheeban Ashai and Nisar Ahmad Ahangar filed their nomination papers as independents in the Office

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## Rajnath visits Siachen, lauds 'iron-clad' will of soldiers



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing troops at Siachen on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH/NEW DELHI: Siachen is India's capital of "courage, grit and determination", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday after carrying out an on-the-ground review of the security situation at the world's highest snow-clad battlefield.

Addressing soldiers at a forward post at an altitude of 15,100 ft, Singh lauded the "iron-clad" will of the Indian Army soldiers deployed in

the icy cold glacier and said that their bravery will forever be an inspiration for future generations.

The defence minister described Siachen as a symbol of India's sovereignty and determination.

He said that just as Delhi is India's national capital, Mumbai is the financial capital and Bengaluru is the technology capital, Siachen is the "capital of courage, grit and determination."

The Siachen glacier in the

Karakoram range is known as the highest militarised zone in the world where the soldiers have to battle frost-bite and high winds.

Singh's visit to Siachen came over a week after the Indian Army marked the 40th year of its presence in the strategically key region following the 'Operation Meghdoot'.

The defence minister described the operation, which was launched by the Indian Army in Siachen on April 13, 1984, as a golden chapter of the country's military history.

"The success of Operation Meghdoot is a matter of pride for all of us," he said.

The defence minister was accompanied by Chief of the Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern Command Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar and General

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## SC expresses displeasure over 'dismal' implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 is still at a "dismal stage", the Supreme Court said on Monday while expressing displeasure over the failure of some states in framing the requisite rules.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala was hearing a plea seeking constitution of district-level committees to enforce the Act.

"Despite the lapse...the implementation of the Act is still at a dismal stage. Many states have not framed even the rules under the Act," the

bench said. While noting that relevant rules had to be framed within six months of the enactment of the law, it said several states have not even appointed commissioners as mandated under the Act.

"We are of the view that state of the implementation of the Act needs to be set right now," it said and posted the matter for resumed hearing in the second week of July.

As per section 101 of the Act, "The state government may, subject to the condition of previous publication, by notification, make rules"

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## DGP J&K reviews security preparedness for upcoming LS elections

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Director General of Police (DGP), R.R Swain on Monday reviewed the security preparedness for the upcoming Lok Sabha.

The joint officers meeting held at south Kashmir's Anantnag District was aimed to assess the readiness of the forces deployed for the elections, facilitating a collaborative effort towards ensuring the safe and successful conduct of the upcoming polls.

The DGP held detailed discussions with senior officers of the J&K Police, CRPF, Army, ITBP, BSF, SSB and



DGP R.R Swain chairing security review meeting in Jammu.

intelligence agencies.

The meeting focused on the security arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of the elections. The DGP sought inputs from the off-

icers on various projects planned to ensure safe and secure elections.

Key discussion points during the meeting were focused on election preparedness,

addressing all logistical and administrative aspects related to the process, facilitating seamless coordination with the forces, addressing any challenges or concerns that may arise as the election process unfolds.

During the meeting arrangements with regard to deployed personnel staying in different areas and their mobility, health care, heating and other required facilities as per the weather requirement were also discussed.

During the meeting, emphasis was given on the critical need for joint

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## ACB arrests Gram Sewak for accepting bride

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANDIPORA: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday trapped and arrested Abdul Rashid Khan, Gram Sewak of Block Arin, District Bandipora for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 2500 from a complainant for performing geo-tagging for availing PMAY-G scheme

"Anti Corruption Bureau received a complaint from resident of Block Arin District Bandipora against Abdul Rashid, Graw Sewak (GRS) of Rural Development Department, Block Arin, District Bandipora alleging therein that the GRS is

demanding bribe of ₹6000 from him for doing geo tag of plinth area of under construction house site constructed by him under PMAY-G Scheme," according to an official handout.

It was alleged by the complainant that in the year 2023, his case under PMAY-G Scheme was sanctioned for construction of a paca house for which he had received an initial installment of RS 50,000 through his bank account from RDD. He further stated that he completed plinth of the house from that money and for further instalments he visited BDO

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## Two absconders arrested in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Two absconders wanted in different cases were arrested here on Monday, police said.

One of the accused, Locha Singh of Bhour Camp-Chatha here, was arrested following a tip-off, they said.

He was booked under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act and the Arms Act in cases registered at Satwari

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## Apni Party announces support for Sajad Lone in Baramulla

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Apni Party on Monday extended its support to People's Conference chief Sajad Lone, who is contesting the Lok Sabha polls from north Kashmir's Baramulla constituency.

Party chief Altaf Bukhari announced the support for Lone during a press conference, days after Lone had sought his help to consolidate the anti-National

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## LG conducts inspection of SASB Office, Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday reviewed the progress of the Office and Yatri Niwas of Shri Amarnath ji Shrine Board at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The Lt Governor made an inspectional visit to the prestigious project site and directed the Officials to fast-track the construction works to complete the targeted floors ahead of schedule.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional

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LG Manoj Sinha conducting on-site inspection of SASB's Office & Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk.

## Sinha meets family members of Srinagar boat tragedy victims

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday met the family members of the victims who lost their lives in the heart-breaking boat tragedy on April 16.

The Lt Governor expressed his condolences to the bereaved families and assured all help and support to them.

"The UT Administration stands shoulder to shoulder with the families in this

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## LS poll results can be strange due to direct fight between NDA, regional parties: Azad

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday said the

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results of the Parliament elections can be strange as there is a direct fight between the NDA and the regional parties in most states of the country.

The former Congress leader said since the Congress government is in just two-three states, in other states, there are different regional parties. So, the contest is with them, he said.



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public rally at Anantnag on Monday.

"So, the results can be strange," he said, adding that he neither favours the NDA nor the INDIA bloc.

Azad was talking to reporters in Anantnag district during a roadshow to canvas

for party candidate Mohammad Saleem Parry. "The contest is not the same everywhere. It is different in every state. At most places, it is a direct

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## BJP only party which consistently stood for Jammu, Dogras: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing public at City Chowk Jammu on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Monday that BJP is the only political Party which has consistently stood for the cause of Jammu and the Dogras.

Addressing a mega road show here today in support of Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP candidate for the Jammu Lok Sabha constituency, Dr

Jitendra Singh said, BJP and the erstwhile Bharatiya Jana Sangh have been vociferously advocating the cause of Jammu and Dogras right from the times of the greatest Dogra of post-independence India namely Prem Nath Dogra, the founder of the Praja Parishad and former National President of Bharatiya Jan Sangh.

He said, the Bharatiya Jan Sangh

## 'Assembly polls in J&K to take place soon'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh on Monday said that Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held soon and the people of the Union Territory are enthusiastic about participating in the electoral process to support the BJP's development agenda.

Speaking to PTI, he asserted that normalcy has been restored in J-K but the opposition parties were involved in a "wrong" portrayal of the ground situation after the 2019 abrogation of Article 370 which gave a special status to the erstwhile state.

"Opposition parties are engaged in a wrong portrayal of the ground situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Normalcy has been restored in Jammu and Kashmir after scrapping Article 370. Elections in Jammu and Kashmir will happen soon, as stated by Prime Minister Modi in a recent rally in Udhampur. It has to happen and it will happen soon," the BJP leader

and then the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jammu was espousing the cause of Jammu and Dogras even at times when the Congress and its allies including the National Conference were continuously discriminating against this region and inflicting all kinds of hardship and injustice on Dogras and the people of Jammu

region. Taking a dig at opposition leaders who now claim to be the protagonists of Jammu and the Dogras, Dr Jitendra said, these are the leaders who had been for over half a century, dancing to the tune of their masters who discriminated against Jammu and Dogras because of their vote bank

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## Modi Govt has eliminated terrorism, Naxalism on verge of ending: Amit Shah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAIPUR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has eliminated terrorism from the country while Naxalism is on the verge of ending.

Addressing an election rally in Chhattisgarh's Kanker town, Shah also asked Naxalites to surrender, or else they would be rooted out from the state in two years.

He asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi that four generations of his family were in power in the country, but what they have done for the poor people in Chhattisgarh. "The Congress says the minority (community) has the first right over the country's resources of the country, but we (BJP) say the poor,

adivasis, Dalits and backwards have the first right over resources of the country," Shah said.

He also said that Congress leaders did not attend the consecration ceremony of Lord Ram's idol at the Ayodhya temple in lure of their vote bank.

The Union minister hailed PM Modi, saying he has a "track record of 10 years and agenda for 25 years."

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 33.7°C Min: 18.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 40 Min: 31

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 22.0°C Min: 6.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 72 Min: 46

Sunset: 19:05 Hours  
Sunrise: 05:52 Hours